

## LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. - 11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A tire having a rotation timing indication hole comprising a multi-step hole defined in a tire tread, wherein

~~the multi-step hole of the rotation timing indication hole includes a first step on a tire tread surface side and a second step smaller than the first step on a bottom side located closer to a bottom side than the first step; and~~  
~~each of the first step and the second step has a different contour from the other, one of the first step and the second step having a contour with straight lines and the other of the first step and the second step having a contour with curved lines~~  
the first step has a contour including one of straight lines and curved lines;  
the second step has a contour including the other of straight lines and curved lines, the contour of the second step being different from the contour of the first step and being inscribed on or included in the contour of the first step; and  
the first step and the second step have depths separately representative of different degrees of wear of a tire tread surface until tire rotation timing.

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) The tire having the rotation timing indication hole as set forth in claim 12, wherein

the contour with straight lines forms a polygon; and  
the contour with curved lines forms a rounded shape.

16. (previously presented) The tire having the rotation timing indication hole as set forth in claim 15, wherein

the polygon is any one of a triangle, a square, a pentagon, and a hexagon; and  
the rounded shape is either one of a perfect circle and an ellipse.

17. (previously presented) The tire having the rotation timing indication hole as set forth in claim 12, wherein

the first step has the contour with curved lines; and  
the second step has the contour with straight lines.

18. (previously presented) The tire having the rotation timing indication hole as set forth in claim 12, wherein

the first step has the contour with straight lines; and  
the second step has the contour with curved lines.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) The tire having the rotation timing indication hole as set forth in ~~claim 19~~ any one of claims 12 and 15 to 18, wherein the rotation timing indication hole comprises twelve holes, in total, arranged in pairs in the widthwise direction of the tire, the resulting six pairs of the holes being arranged at uniform intervals in a circumferential direction of the tire.

21. (currently amended) A method for indicating rotation timing of a tire having a rotation timing indication hole provided in a tire tread, the method comprising:

~~providing, in the rotation timing indication hole, a first step on a tire tread surface side and a second step smaller than the first step on a bottom side, wherein each of the first step and the second step has a different contour from the other, one of the first step and the second step having a contour with straight lines and the other of the first step and the second step having a contour with curved lines;~~  
forming the rotation timing indication hole with a first step on a tread surface side and a second step located on a bottom side of the first step, the first step having a contour including one of straight lines and curved lines, the second step including a contour the other of straight lines and curved lines, the contour of the second step being different from the contour of the first step and being inscribed on or included in the contour of the first step;

~~indicating a first tire rotation timing by a change from the contour with straight lines of the first step to the contour with curved lines of the second step or from the contour with curved lines of the first step to the contour with straight lines of the second step with a disappearance of the first step; and~~

~~indicating a second tire rotation timing by a disappearance of the second step.~~

indicating first tire rotation timing by a change in the contour at a tread surface from the contour of the first step to the contour of the second step; and

indicating second tire rotation timing by disappearance of the contour of the second step at the tread surface.

22. (canceled)